

Green (TX)	McCollum	Sanford
Green (WI)	McCrery	Sawyer
Greenwood	McGovern	Saxton
Gutierrez	McHugh	Scarborough
Hall (OH)	McInnis	Schaffer
Hall (TX)	McIntyre	Schakowsky
Hansen	McKeon	Scott
Hastert	McKinney	Sensenbrenner
Hastings (FL)	McNulty	Sessions
Hastings (WA)	Meehan	Shadegg
Hayes	Meek (FL)	Shaw
Hayworth	Meeks (NY)	Shays
Hefley	Menendez	Sherman
Herger	Metcalf	Sherwood
Hill (IN)	Mica	Shimkus
Hill (MT)	Millender-	Shows
Hilleary	McDonald	Shuster
Hilliard	Miller (FL)	Simpson
Hinojosa	Miller, Gary	Sisisky
Hobson	Miller, George	Skeen
Hoeffel	Minge	Skelton
Hoekstra	Mink	Slaughter
Holden	Moakley	Smith (MI)
Holt	Mollohan	Smith (NJ)
Hooley	Moore	Smith (TX)
Horn	Moran (KS)	Snyder
Hostettler	Moran (VA)	Souder
Houghton	Morella	Spence
Hoyer	Murtha	Spratt
Hulshof	Myrick	Stabenow
Hunter	Nadler	Stearns
Hutchinson	Napolitano	Stenholm
Hyde	Nethercutt	Strickland
Inslee	Ney	Stump
Isakson	Northup	Stupak
Istook	Norwood	Sununu
Jackson-Lee	Nussle	Sweeney
(TX)	Oberstar	Talent
Jefferson	Obey	Tancredo
Jenkins	Ortiz	Tanner
John	Ose	Tauscher
Johnson (CT)	Owens	Tauzin
Johnson, E. B.	Oxley	Taylor (MS)
Johnson, Sam	Packard	Taylor (NC)
Jones (NC)	Pallone	Terry
Jones (OH)	Pascarell	Thomas
Kanjorski	Pastor	Thompson (CA)
Kaptur	Paul	Thompson (MS)
Kasich	Payne	Thornberry
Kelly	Pease	Thune
Kildee	Pelosi	Thurman
Kilpatrick	Peterson (MN)	Tiahrt
Kind (WI)	Peterson (PA)	Tierney
King (NY)	Petri	Toomey
Kingston	Phelps	Towns
Kleccka	Pickering	Traficant
Knollenberg	Pickett	Turner
Kolbe	Pitts	Udall (CO)
Kucinich	Pombo	Udall (NM)
Kuykendall	Pomeroy	Upton
LaFalce	Porter	Velazquez
LaHood	Portman	Vitter
Lampson	Price (NC)	Walden
Lantos	Pryce (OH)	Walsh
Largent	Quinn	Wamp
Larson	Radanovich	Waters
Latham	Rahall	Watkins
LaTourette	Ramstad	Watt (NC)
Lazio	Regula	Watts (OK)
Leach	Reyes	Waxman
Levin	Reynolds	Weiner
Lewis (CA)	Riley	Weldon (FL)
Lewis (GA)	Rivers	Weldon (PA)
Lewis (KY)	Rodriguez	Weller
Linder	Roemer	Wexler
Lipinski	Rogan	Weygand
LoBiondo	Rogers	Whitfield
Lofgren	Rohrabacher	Wicker
Lowey	Ros-Lehtinen	Wilson
Lucas (KY)	Rothman	Wise
Lucas (OK)	Roukema	Wolf
Luther	Royce	Woolsey
Maloney (CT)	Rush	Wu
Maloney (NY)	Ryan (WI)	Wynn
Manzullo	Ryun (KS)	Young (AK)
Mascara	Salmon	Young (FL)
McCarthy (MO)	Sanchez	
McCarthy (NY)	Sandlin	

NOT VOTING—9

Baca	Campbell	McIntosh
Barton	Klink	Smith (WA)
Boswell	Martinez	Vento

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1102, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

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WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4576, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 554 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 554

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4576) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Yesterday, the Committee on Rules met and granted a normal conference report rule for H.R. 4576, the Fiscal Year 2001 Department of Defense Appropriations Act. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 554 is a non-controversial rule for a strong bipartisan bill. In fact, the Committee on Appropriations approved this bill in late May by voice vote and without an amendment.

I have always admired the patriotism and dedication of our military personnel, especially given the poor qual-

ity of military life for our enlisted men and women. But today, we are doing something to improve military pay, housing and benefits.

Mr. Speaker, we are helping to take some of our enlisted men off food stamps by giving them a 3.7 percent pay raise and we are boosting their enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses. To follow through on our health care promises to our servicemen and women, we are increasing funding for the Department of Defense Health Program by \$963 million this year. A good portion of these funds will go to improving care for our military retirees who have never been given the treatment that they deserve.

At the same time, we are increasing the basic allowance for housing so that our military families do not have to pay as much out of their own pockets. Along with personnel, we have to take care of our military readiness. We live in a dangerous world and Congress is working to protect our friends and families back home from our enemies abroad.

We are providing for our national missile defense system so that we can stop a warhead from places like China or North Korea, if that day ever comes; and we are boosting the military's budget for weapons and ammunition. We are providing \$41 billion for research and development so that our forces will have top of the line equipment to do their job.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule and to support the underlying bill because now, more than ever, we must improve our national security.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and the conference report to accompany fiscal year 2001 Department of Defense Appropriations. This important appropriations bill provides the funding for the security and defense of the United States and ensures that our military strength remain second to none. This conference agreement will provide \$288 billion for the programs of the Defense Department, and includes a 3.7 percent pay raise for our military personnel, an increase of nearly \$1 billion over fiscal year 2000 for military health care.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill and deserves the support of this House. This rule is the standard rule for the consideration of conference reports in the House, and it waives all points of order against the consideration of the conference report. This rule is non-controversial, and I urge Members to support it.

I also urge Members to support this conference report. The pay raise provided to our Armed Forces is of great importance, especially for younger military members with families, and for those mid-career personnel who are considering abandoning the military

NOES—25

Becerra	Hinchey	Rangel
Bonior	Jackson (IL)	Royal-Allard
Brown (OH)	Kennedy	Sabo
Clay	Lee	Sanders
Conyers	Markey	Serrano
Filner	Matsui	Stark
Frank (MA)	McDermott	Visclosky
Gephardt	Neal	
Gutknecht	Olver	

for the civilian world. The bill also addresses an important need for those who have served and are now retired by funding the Expanded Pharmacy Access Program that was part of the National Defense Authorization Act.

These are important benefits for active duty and retired personnel, and I urge Members to support them.

I am particularly pleased that the conference agreement contains \$3.9 billion for overseas contingency operations in Bosnia, Kosovo, and southwest Asia. While many Members may disagree with these operations, it would be irresponsible for the Congress to withhold the funds necessary to maintain them, unless and until the Congress decides to end them in an orderly fashion. The conference report also provides \$1.1 billion for the acquisition of 16 V-22 tiltrotor aircraft and \$122 million for the acquisition of four F-16s. These are important procurements for the Marine Corps and the Air Force.

In addition, the conference report fully funds the F-22 Raptor jet fighter program with \$2.1 billion for 10 aircraft, \$396 million for advanced procurement, and \$1.4 billion for research and development. Fully funding this stage of the procurement of this important addition to our Nation's arsenal is key to ensuring our continued air superiority well into this new century.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very good conference agreement, and I urge Members to support it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report to accompany H.R. 4576, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

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CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4576, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 554, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 4576), making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 554, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of July 17, 2000 at page H6102.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS).

(Mr. LEWIS of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

First, let me say that this conference report is, in my judgment, a fabulous piece of work. It provides funding for fiscal year 2001 at levels that reflect very much the legislation that was

passed by the House only a few weeks ago. Indeed, as the Members may know, I was somewhat disconcerted by the supplemental bill that we passed some weeks ago, because it was my view that that legislation, while significant, failed to fully address certain critical areas of interest, such as our readiness needs, the contingency operations funding challenges that exist around the world, all the outstanding needs, military medical system, et cetera. We made up for much of that in an emergency funding title in their conference report.

Indeed, in working with the other side of the aisle, we have had truly a hallmark year, in terms of laying the foundation for our future national defense. We need to make sure that America continues to lead the world as the strongest among the countries of the world and continue to play our role on behalf of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, let me say that I would like to express to the Members my deepest appreciation for the work done with my colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA); indeed, the cooperation of the ranking member of the full committee has been extremely helpful as well. I must say that the staff on both sides of the aisle, Kevin Roper and his gang of, it looks like 112 staff people, but it is actually only 13 women and men doing three dozen people's work.

Beyond that, Mr. Speaker, let me say that the cooperation on the Senate side, in the other body's committee has been extremely valuable as well. The work of that staff, led by Steve Coates, as well as Senator STEVENS and the ranking member Senator INOUE, are very much appreciated.

At this point I would like to insert for the RECORD a summary of the funding levels agreed to in the conference agreement.